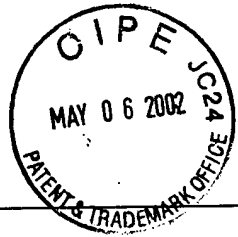


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THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF  
METHYLTHIOADENOSINE  
PHOSPHORYLASE (MTase) IN A  
CELL SAMPLE BY DETECTION OF  
THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF  
MTase ENCODING NUCLEIC ACID IN  
THE CELL SAMPLE

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